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SUBJ: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING GROUP, AUGUST 9

1. SUMMARY: WG ATTEMPTED TO BEGIN SECOND READING OF MACHINERY ARTICLES. HOWEVER, SESSION BOGGED DOWN IN PROLONGED AND FREQUENTLY ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON PROCEDURE. END SUMMARY.

2. WG CHAIRMAN ATTEMPTED BEGIN SECOND READING OF MACHINERY ARTICLES BEGINNING WITH POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY. PERUVIAN DELEGATE INTERVENED TO SAY THAT IN HIS VIEW APPROVAL OF SPECIFIC TEXTS WOULD ONLY BE AD REFERENDUM AND WOULD NOT PREJUDGE QUESTION OF WHETHER SPECIFIC TEXT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND INCLUDED IN FINAL REPORT OF WG. DESPITE EFFORTS BY CHAIRMAN, US AND SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATES, THIS PROVOKED LONG, INVOLVED DISPUTE INVOLVING BRAZIL, WHICH SUPPORTED PERU, AND USSR WHICH STRONGLY OPPOSED PERUVIAN CONTENTION. USSR REP SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT ALL TEXTS WOULD GO INTO FINAL REPORT. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT EFFORTS OF CERTAIN DELEGATIONS TO SUBVERT THE WORK OF THE

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SUBCOMMITTEE, SPECIFICALLY CHARGING THAT PERU WAS ATTEMPTING TO

SUBVERT EVERYTHING INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP HAD DONE. HE CHARACTERIZED THIS AS NORMAL PERUVIAN TACTICS. HE SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE PERUVIAN SUGGESTIONS AND HE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN WORK OF WG UNTIL THE MATTER WAS SETTLED. DESPITE EFFORT BY CHAIRMAN TO CLOSE DEBATE ON ISSUE, MATTER WAS RAISED THROUGHOUT THE SESSION.

3. WHEN WG GOT DOWN TO ACTUAL CONSIDERATION OF TEXTS OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY, PERU REP ATTEMPTED TO MODIFY US FOOTNOTES TO FIRST ARTICLE TO SHOW VIEWS WERE SUPPORTED BY ONE DELEGATION ONLY. UK INDICATED IT SUPPORTED FOOTNOTE AND ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT EFFORT TO CHARACTERIZE SUPPORT, OR LACK, IN FOOTNOTE. THERE WAS PROLONGED DISCUSSION, WHICH INVOLVED SECOND FOOTNOTE OF ARTICLE 1 AS WELL, AS TO HOW MUCH SUPPORT FOOTNOTES HAD AND WHETHER IT WAS PROPER TO ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE AN INDICATION OF DEGREE OF SUPPORT. UK AND NETHERLANDS STATED WG PROCEDURE HAD BEEN TO AVOID CHARACTERITZATION WHILE CHILE AND BRAZIL WISHED FACT THAT ONLY ONE DELEGATION SUPPORTED FOOTNOTE TO BE REFLECTED. CHAIRMAN, IN ATTEMPT TO GET AROUND IMPASS, SOLICITED ANY INDICATION OF MORE SUPPORT FOR SECOND FOOTNOTE. US REP OBJECTED ON POINT OF ORDER ON GROUNDS THIS WAS TANTAMOUNT TO SEEKING A VOTE WHICH WG HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DO. THE ISSUE WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED AND CHAIRMAN URGED MATTER BE NEGOTIATED OUTSIDE OF WG.

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